

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18692

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to make the method of taxation consistent for producers of renewable energy. Previous legislation changed the way that wind and geothermal projects were taxed from property tax to a three-percent (3%) gross production tax. This legislation will treat all producers of renewable energy identical under Idaho Code by requiring such producers to pay a kilowatt production tax in lieu of the property tax.

This legislation also defines "renewable energy" as energy generated from the following sources: wind energy; geothermal resources; biomass; low-impact hydro; solar energy; and landfill gas power.

This proposed legislation furthers the objectives of the Idaho Energy Plan, as adopted in 2007, which prioritized the promotion of renewable energy as one way to conserve natural resources, ensure affordable energy for Idaho citizens, and promote economic growth and job creation.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the general fund.

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